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126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1577

H.P. 1147

House of Representatives, July 9, 2013

**An Act To Fund the Agreement with Certain Judicial Department
Employees**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Senator CAIN of Penobscot and
Representative: FREDETTE of Newport, Senator: KATZ of Kennebec.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** the Judicial Department has reached a collective bargaining agreement
4 with the 4 bargaining units representing Judicial Department employees; and

5 **Whereas,** this legislation authorizes funding of the agreement effective at the
6 beginning of the pay week commencing closest to September 1, 2013; and

7 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
8 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
9 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
10 therefore,

11 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

12 **Sec. 1. Adjustment of salary schedules for fiscal year 2013-14.** Effective at
13 the beginning of the pay week commencing closest to September 1, 2013, the salary
14 schedules for the Judicial Department employees in the administrative services
15 bargaining unit, the supervisory services bargaining unit, the law enforcement bargaining
16 unit and the professional services bargaining unit and employees referred to in section 3
17 of this Act must be adjusted upward by 1%.

18 **Sec. 2. Adjustment of salary schedules for fiscal year 2014-15.** Effective at
19 the beginning of the pay week commencing closest to July 1, 2014, the salary schedules
20 for the Judicial Department employees in the administrative services bargaining unit, the
21 supervisory services bargaining unit, the law enforcement bargaining unit and the
22 professional services bargaining unit and employees referred to in section 3 of this Act
23 must be adjusted upward by 1%.

24 **Sec. 3. Other employees; similar and equitable treatment.** Employees of
25 the Judicial Department who are excluded from collective bargaining pursuant to the
26 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1282, subsection 5, paragraphs C, D, E, F and G
27 must be given treatment similar and equitable on a pro rata basis to that given employees
28 covered by the collective bargaining agreements.

29 **Sec. 4. Costs to General Fund.** Costs to the General Fund must be provided in
30 the Salary Plan program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and
31 Financial Services in the amount of \$205,932 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 and
32 in the amount of \$420,375 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 to implement the
33 economic terms of the collective bargaining agreements made between the Judicial
34 Department and the Maine State Employees Association for the administrative services
35 bargaining unit, the supervisory services bargaining unit, the law enforcement bargaining
36 unit and the professional services bargaining unit and for the costs of those Judicial
37 Department employees referred to in section 3, who are excluded from collective
38 bargaining pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1282, subsection 5.



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Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Sponsor: Rep. Berry of Bowdoinham
Committee: Not Referred
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill authorizes a 1% salary increase effective September 1, 2013 and a 1% salary increase effective July 1, 2014 for certain employees in the Judicial Department. The General Fund cost is estimated to be \$205,932 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$420,375 in fiscal year 2014-15 to be funded by transfers from the Salary Plan program within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.